

What is claimed is:

1. A bulk bag for transportation and handling of flowable goods, comprising:
  - a) a fabric bag having a top portion as the bag is to be oriented for discharging of the goods within, a plurality of side wall portions and a bottom portion having a designated edge, together defining a storage space therewithin;
  - b) an opening disposed in said top portion;
  - c) an opening disposed in said bottom portion;
  - d) at least one flap of fabric extending from a side wall portion of the bag a sufficient distance to completely cover the opening disposed in said bottom portion and extend at least to said designated edge of said bottom portion when said flap is folded toward said designated edge;
  - e) a plurality of first loops of fabric attached to a lower edge of the flap portion;
  - f) for each of said plurality of first loops, a corresponding length of fabric attached securely in at least one location to a side of the bag above the designated edge of the bottom portion, and which includes means for releasably attaching a first portion of the length of fabric to a second portion of the length of fabric to thereby form a corresponding second loop interlockable with a first loop,
  - g) for each of said corresponding second loops, a strap of fabric positioned above the second loop and which has a first, upper end which is securely attached to the bag side wall and a second, lower end which is free from the bag side wall; and
  - h) means for releasably fastening the second, lower end of the strap to a corresponding second loop.
2. A bulk bag according to Claim 1, wherein the second loops are positioned just above the designated edge of the bottom portion, so that the first and second loops interlock essentially at the designated edge and the flap does not overlap in a substantial way onto the side wall portion.
3. A bulk bag according to Claim 1, wherein the length of fabric for forming the second loop is attached securely to the bag side in an intermediate portion.

4. A bulk bag according to Claim 1, wherein the means used for releasably fastening or attaching the various elements includes one or more pairs of mating hook-and-loop-type fastening elements.

5. A bulk bag for transportation and handling of flowable goods, comprising:

5 a) a fabric bag having a top portion as the bag is to be oriented for discharging of the goods within, a plurality of side wall portions and a bottom portion having a designated edge, together defining a storage space therewithin;

b) an opening disposed in said top portion;

c) an opening disposed in said bottom portion;

10 d) a fabric chute extending from the bottom portion a sufficient distance to extend at least to said designated edge of said bottom portion when said chute is folded toward said designated edge;

e) a plurality of first loops of fabric attached to said chute proximate a discharge opening thereof;

15 f) for each of said plurality of first loops, a corresponding length of fabric attached securely in at least one location to a side of the bag above the designated edge of the bottom portion, and which includes means for releasably attaching a first portion of the length of fabric to a second portion of the length of fabric to thereby form a corresponding second loop interlockable with a first loop,

20 g) for each of said corresponding second loops, a strap of fabric positioned above the second loop and which has a first, upper end which is securely attached to the bag side wall and a second, lower end which is free from the bag side wall; and

h) means for releasably fastening the second, lower end of the strap to a corresponding second loop.

25 6. The bulk bag of claim 5, further comprising a drawstring circumferentially surrounding the discharge opening of said discharge chute and which is operable to close off the discharge opening.

7. The bulk bag of claim 6, wherein the drawstring is disposed through a rope-lock which is releasable by a lanyard.

8. A bulk bag according to Claim 5, wherein the second loops are positioned just above the designated edge of the bottom portion, so that the first and second loops interlock essentially at the designated edge and the flap does not overlap in a substantial way onto the side wall portion.
- 5 9. A bulk bag according to Claim 5, wherein the length of fabric for forming the second loop is attached securely to the bag side in an intermediate portion.
10. A bulk bag according to Claim 5, wherein the means used for releasably fastening or attaching the various elements includes one or more pairs of mating hook-and-loop-type fastening elements.

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